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Re: Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Authorization Under Article 13, Chapter 27 of Title 58 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976, As Amended), to Issue and Sell Securities
Docket No. 2007-338-E

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Duke Energy Carolinas ("the Company" of "DEC") is proposing under this docket to issue, in increments and times yet to be determined, \$2 billion of debt in the form of: (1) secured First and Refunding Mortgage Bonds under its December 1, 1927 First and Refunding Mortgage; (2) unsecured senior notes or subordinated notes to be issued under the Senior and Subordinated Indentures to the Bank of New York, respectively; (3) and, borrowings from the proceeds from the sale of tax exempt bonds issued by governmental authorities. The varying times and degrees of security of the proposed debt render an interest rate cap impossible. The Company estimates the cost of issuance at less than 0.1% of the bonds and notes and at 0.31% of the borrowing from the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds. The application is to replenish exhausted authority previously granted under this docket. As previously under this docket, the Company would use a "shelf" registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The securities would be remarketable.

The Company believes that the proposed issuances will not affect its relative sources of funding as reflected in its balance sheet, which means that the proposed debt should not affect its capital structure. The Company also anticipates no impact on its credit ratings from these proposed issuances. DEC proposes this debt to redeem higher cost debt, to refund maturing debt, to fund construction costs, including, potentially, base load construction, and to support general purposes.

Based on its review, ORS has no objection to Duke Energy's request.

Sincerely,


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